

9 October 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Supplementary to my letter to J. Edgar Hoover of 7 October 1954, in reply to his letter of 4 October 1954, I today advised Mr. Sam Papich, for the information of the Bureau, of a telephone call that I had had from Mac Bundy on the preceding day.

I reported that Mr. Bundy had telephoned to state that the Department of State had requested the return of all documents held by the Disarmament Panel. Mr. Bundy added that the documents originating with the State Department had been returned immediately and the question had been raised as to the disposition of the working papers of the members of the group. Bundy asked my advice as to whether they should be returned. I told him that as far as I was concerned, I would be very glad to have them all returned to the State Department. Bundy indicated that that seemed to be the general consensus of opinion on the subject.


Allen W. Dulles
Director

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7 October 1954

J. Edgar Hoover, Esquire
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have your confidential letter of October 4, 1954, containing a report of a reliable confidential informant respecting conversations between "Max Bundy" and Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer and the latter's secretary, with respect to certain papers proposed to be consigned to Mr. Bundy by Dr. Oppenheimer. My name was apparently mentioned in connection with the matter and you asked whether I can throw any light on the report in question.

In April of 1952 I was designated by the then Secretary of State as a member of a Panel of Consultants on Disarmament, the other members of the Panel being, Dr. Vannevar Bush, Mr. John Dickey, President of Dartmouth College, Mr. Joseph Johnson, President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer. This Panel submitted its report to the Secretary of State early in January of 1953. Mr. McGeorge Bundy served as secretary of the Panel of Consultants.

In the course of the Panel's work the members received, chiefly from the Department of State, certain classified material with respect to disarmament matters and I have retained a considerable file of papers relating to the work of the Panel. I believe that for a time Dr. Oppenheimer also retained some papers since when the Panel was functioning I believe that he had the facilities for doing so. I do not know whether or not he has continued to retain any papers relating to the Panel's work.

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From the information given in your letter, it is possible that the conversations in question may have related to papers bearing on the work of the Disarmament Panel. This conclusion is based solely on the fact that my name was mentioned in a conversation which apparently took place between Bundy and Oppenheimer. I have not seen either of the gentlemen for many months and hence do not have any direct confirmatory information.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) ALLEN W. DULLES

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Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Administration Building
Room 123
2430 E Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

A reliable confidential informant advised, on September 29, 1954, that Max Bundy, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard College, indicated to Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's secretary that he would be coming to Princeton, New Jersey, (date not stated) "to take back internal papers that he might either destroy..... if there are copies available."

According to the informant, Oppenheimer indicated that Bundy's feeling on the matter is the right thing rather than "getting them to Allen Dulles." The informant further stated that Oppenheimer's secretary agreed with Oppenheimer's interpretation of Bundy's proposed action and that Bundy indicated very definitely that he "wanted it." It was further indicated that Bundy had "facilities up to top secret."

According to the informant, Oppenheimer and his secretary agreed that the best procedure would be for Bundy to come to Princeton, New Jersey, and take the papers.

The significance and the importance of the above remarks cannot be determined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is requested that you inform us if the above remarks have any particular significance or meaning and if any explanation of the remarks can be furnished.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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